

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 114

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A RESOLUTION to designate February 21-28, 2009, as "FFA Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the week of February 21-28, 2009 has been designated National FFA Week to recognize the tremendous contributions of this fine organization, which was organized in 1928 to promote leadership, personal growth, and career success among high school agriculture students; and

WHEREAS, National FFA Week always includes George Washington's birthday in observance of his leadership in promoting scientific farming practices; George Washington is considered the patron saint of the organization whose important work in this area is symbolized by their Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, there are over 7,200 FFA Chapters in 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, comprising nearly one-half million members, with 194 local chapters in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the FFA motto, "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve," and the 2009 theme, "Step Up, Stand Out," give direction and purpose to these future leaders for tomorrow's agriculture; and

WHEREAS, we should pause in our deliberations to commend the efforts of this outstanding group of young persons for its role in assuring the future progress and prosperity of our nation; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate February 21-28, 2009, as "FFA Week" in Tennessee

and urge all citizens to participate in appropriate activities to commemorate FFA's important role in ensuring the growth and prosperity of agriculture in Tennessee by molding its future leaders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor and commend the 2008-2009 Tennessee State FFA Officers: President Peyton Harper, Wilson Central Chapter, Lebanon; Vice President for East Tennessee Jesse Ford, Daniel Boone Chapter, Gray; Vice President for Middle Tennessee Jeffrey Turner, Lebanon Chapter, Lebanon; Vice President for West Tennessee Colton Teague, McNairy Central Chapter, Ramer; Secretary Kris Newsom, Dyersburg Chapter, Friendship; Treasurer Douglas Giles, Jr., Page Chapter, Franklin; Reporter Caleb Hodges, East Robertson Chapter, Goodlettsville; and Sentinel Kye Embler, Mt. Pleasant Chapter, Mt. Pleasant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.